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Photographer Brandon Stanton, right, talks to Marlon Augustine in New York in 2013. Stanton will be the speaker at Wagner College's commencement ceremony in the spring. (ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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'Humans of New York' creator to speak at Wagner commencement

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Brandon Stanton, creator of the "Humans of New York" blog, will serve as Wagner College's 2016 commencement speaker, according to a press release from the school.

The popular photography blog has attracted a worldwide audience with its daily glimpses into the lives of

strangers in New York City.

The "Humans of New York" Facebook page currently boasts more than 13 million followers, and showcases everyday New Yorkers through the use of portrait photography, candid interviews and straightforward storytelling.

In 2013, Stanton featured his material in his first book, "Humans of New York," which

debuted at the top of the New York Times Bestsellers List.

Stanton will be awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degrees at the May 20 commencement program.

Also being honored will be Wagner College alumna Nadia Lopez, principal of Mott Hall Bridges Academy in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn.